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THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS

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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK



The New Year has started off very good for TEC as we have a few new members already. So I'd like to welcome them into our TEC family, "The Elongated Collectors". Lets all do our part for the coming year by trying to get a new member. At this time of the year we lose a few and gain a few.

The dues are slowly coming in and more than half the members have paid. Some are slow in paying and we hope they all pay by the deadline of March 31st, as after that we drop the non-payers

from the membership list. After that you will have to be re-instated, but you may miss out on a nice free elongated coin. As once they are gone, that's it.

At this writing I was thinking of giving an award for the best "Philatelic Numismatic Cover", that a member makes this year. (1978) These could be judged at the TEC meeting at the A.N.A. Convention. From what I have seen in the last few years, we have had some very nice ones made by the members. More about this on another page.

TEC NEWS articles are always needed and as always I appreciate your help by writing one. The TEC NEWS is what you the members make of it. So if you have something of interest about elongated coins, why not write and let us all hear about it. Make this your project this year, to at least write one good article for our TEC NEWS.

If you plan on going to our TEC general meeting in Houston, Texas, remember to send for your room reservation early. More on these hotels in another article in this issue. Texas promises us a good time. I for one who has never been there look forward to seeing that great state of Texas and all our TEC friends from there.

I don't know how the morning sessions for the meeting will turn out, but lets hope for the best. Will ask for extra time for our TEC meeting so we can have a swap, trade and sell session with our coins.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

This could be held after our meeting. I'm also trying to plan a program if all things can be worked out with the A.N.A. They are the ones to give us the time for our TEC meeting. So we will have to wait and see. More about our TEC meeting in the July issue.

The TEC membership coins are ready and those that have paid the 1978 TEC dues will receive their membership card and coin with this issue of the TEC NEWS. After that, those that pay will receive their membership card and coin direct.

We had plenty of snow this winter and at one time we were really snowed in, but the TEC NEWS must be ready to be mailed out to you. Again if I can find the time with my busy schedule to put out the TEC NEWS, then why cant you find a few minutes to write one article during the year. Why not try this year, Please.

Have a Happy Easter and God Bless you all.

Sally Kirka, TEC president

NOTICE!

These are the members who have ordered a 1977 TEC badge, but have not sent their money for the badge yet. If these are not sent for by April 15th, we will sell them to anyone wanting to buy one, or two. If you would like to buy one of these badges that are not sold by the deadline, please write and send a stamped envelope. We will then let you know when to send the money if one is available.

Those that have ordered and did not send for their 1977 TEC badges are: Phyllis Bendshadler, Dr. Rodney Baker, Richard Carpenter, D. Roy Dillon, Carl Goss, Donald Husby, Col. Rolfe Holbrook, N. & R. MacQuithy, Alice Plarr, Harry Rhodes, Fred Rumprik, Harvey Schoewe Ronald Vanderbur, and Roger Winkelshake. If you have forgotten to send in your money for your 1977 TEC badge that you had ordered you have up to April 15th to do so. After that date they will be sold to who ever wants one until they are sold out.

NOTICE!

A second notice will be sent to all those that haven't paid their 1978 dues. This is the last reminder you will get. The dues are \$5.00 and should be sent to the secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. If your 1978 dues are not received by March 31st you will be dropped from the membership list. You will be reinstated when you pay your dues. If for some reason you can't meet the deadline please write and let us know. We want to keep you all, so why not send in your dues.

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS MAY 17th - ARTICLES MAY 19th

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!

ALL ADVERTISERS

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
Editor setup - Full page ad \$20.00,	$\frac{1}{2}$ page \$12.00	$\frac{1}{4}$ page \$7.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

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Articles - May 19th

ROCKY FORDS WORLDS FAMOUS WATERMELON DAY CELEBRATION

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas

Christopher "Kit" Carson a famous frontiersman and Indian scout often camped under the stars in what would one day become the worlds most famous melon patch. He camped on a site near a rocky graveled ford across the Arkansas River. This ford was used by Indian tribes and wagon trains of the early pioneers. Kit Carson gave the name of Rocky Ford to the crossing.

A trading post was built near by in 1868. Two years later Mr. George Washington Swink from Illinois built a merchantile store. His major sales included barbed wire, kerosene and lamp chimneys and supplies to the country people. At the same time he was studying the climate and soil.

In 1872 another settler came to the area by the name of Herbert Gardner. In their many visits Mr. Swink expressed the desire to get some watermelon and cantaloupe seeds, so his friend offered to help. The seeds came in time to plant the next spring. Mr. Swink traded seeds with other farmers and experimented to get the best for his climate.

The Santa Fe Railroad built south of the ford, so Mr. Swink moved his store along side of the railroad. Four years later he also moved his melon patch and called the place "Rocky Ford".

In 1878 the melon harvest was bountiful. The first festival was held that year when Mr. Swink invited 25 friends to come for a few free melons. This event has continued on with more people attending and many tons of melons and cantaloupes being free to everyone.

In 1955 approximately 42,000 attended the festival and eighty tons of free melons were distributed.

When Mr. Swink died he left his widow and seven children who carried on this event. It is hoped those in Colorado will continue to have this festival. On August 20, 1977 the 100th Watermelon Day was held in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

A beautiful elongated coin was made for this centennial. Dottie Dow made the die and rolled this coin. About 20 sets of special oval wooden nickels were made and 70 currenct type wood was given to many of those who attended who were known collectors.

NEW MEMBERS

TEC #	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
743	Mark W. Maddox	10605 W. Dakota Ave.	Lakewood, Colo. 90226
744	Alan V. Weinberg	23321 Aetna Street	Woodland Hills, Cal. 91367
745	Jack D. Huggins, Sr.	103 Powder Mill Road	Belleville, Ill. 62223
746	Sherwin Friedman	716 Brassie Drive	Grand Junction, Colo. 81501
747	David M. Yamarino	26008 Nagel	Roseville, Mich. 48006
748	G. Edward Desaulniers	P.O. Box 36	West Stockbridge, Mass. 01266
749	Sharon Stapleton, c/o Mike's Coin Co.,	1832 So. Decatur,	Denver, Colo. 80219
750	Tony Mallin	6351 No. Oakley Ave.	Chicago, Ill. 60659

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

733	William E. Hamberger, RD 1 - Box 370,	Hawley's Corner Road,	Highland, N.Y. 12528
499	Burton Neal Levy	P.O. Box 361	Des Plaines, Ill. 60016

ENGRAVERS

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

I guess its easy for some people to sit down and write an article. For me I could sit here for an hour and not think up a thing. So I'll try my best on writing one now. I don't know too much about elongated coins, but I'm sure learning. With my wife Sally its a different story. She's been collecting for over 25 years now and puts her heart into elongated coins. Its tops with her.

Sally doesn't just buy the elongated coins, she studies all the elongated coins and the engraving. She can look at an elongated coin and can almost tell on all coins who made them. She told me once the engravers are like artists and have their own technique of engraving. There's always one certain thing they do that tells who made the die or the elongated coins. Not unusual, but sometimes the coin speaks for it-self. Just study your coins some day and you may find it interesting too.

When Sally receives an elongated coin, especially from new rollers, she looks the coin over with her special glass. Then she tries to guess who engraved the die. Then she explains, many times you can see when an engraver improves on his work as he makes more dies. Remember there are more newer engravers now as newer rollers try to get someone from their own hometown to do the work. So as the new rollers and the engravers improve on their work, you can notice the work on their elongated coins.

I wish I could do some engraving, but its just not my thing. As for my wife Sally, you can bet she will try her skill on engraving dies one of these days. She's done a lot of arts and crafts and has taught it, so to her it would be a challenge to try something new. Right now time is a problem to her and she has her hand in many projects. Many times I see my wife at her desk or table working on new ideas. If she thinks she can do something you can be sure she will try to do it.

Right now, during this cold snowy January Sally is busy working on ideas for P.N.Covers. If you want to save money, or keep the cost down you cut everything by hand. Sometimes I see her do only one P.N.Cover a night. Her work has to be just so, or she will do it over. As for me, I just can't even think up a good idea, so I'll leave most of this to her. I'll collect the finished product as she always makes me one of everything she makes and I enjoy it too.

ELONGATED COIN ROLLING DIES.**1¢ - 5¢ - 10¢****H A N D C A R V E D****1¢ - 5¢ 10¢****ON YOUR DIE****WITH ANY DESIGN OF YOUR CHOICE****YOUR DIE OR INSERT MUST BE SOFT. 7to14 DAY RETURN SHIPMENT.****EACH DESIGN --- \$ 45.00****DIE MAKER AND HANDCARVER OF STEEL DIES AND HOBS FOR 30 YEARS.****ADAM J. COOL ***** P.O. BOX 174 ***** BRIGANTINE, N.J. 08203**

A.N.A. - 1978 - CONVENTION

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Although its early January and plenty of snow on the ground here in Connecticut, we already have our room reservation at the beautiful Astro Village Hotel in Houston, Texas for the American Numismatic Associations Convention which will be held August 20-26, 1978. I guess we all expect it to be very hot down there, but not many cool places around in August. Even if we stayed home here in Conn. I know I'd be staying at the lake trying to keep cool. So if everything goes well with us and our health permits we will be down there in beautiful Texas. I've never really seen Texas but I've heard so much about it, that I'm looking forward to seeing it. My husband Al was stationed there for a while when serving in the Air Force and he said, he would love to see Texas again.

I know most members would like to know the hotel rates, so I will list them as I have them on the reservation card. Now these are the rates for the hotels on the A.N.A. card. As far as I know you use the same address for your reservation, but check the name of the hotel you would like to stay at. The address where to write to is The Astro Village Hotel, 2350 South Loop West, Houston, Texas 77054. The telephone number to call is (713) 748-3221.

Now as I was told they will fill the hotels down the line. When one hotel is filled, they will send you to another one. So mention what hotel you prefer to stay in as you still can pick the hotel you would like to stay in unless it is filled. Don't delay in writing and write at once if you want a room. These room rates are special convention rates, which include shuttle bus transportation between the hotels and Astrohall. (Bourse Room Hall.)

The Astro Village Complex rooms are, single \$28., double/twin-\$34., suites \$100. - \$135.

The Holiday Inn rooms are, single \$28., double/twin \$34., suite \$75. and up. The Holiday Inn adjoining in the same block as the Astro Village Hotel, while the Shamrock Hilton is over a mile away from the Astro Village Hotel co-headquarters.

The Shamrock Hilton Hotel rooms are, single \$32., double/twin \$42., suites \$105. and up.

The word is all the hotels and inns have air-conditioned rooms, plenty of places to sit in the lobby. They also have eight swimming pools between the three hotels. So for those who care to swim, bring your bathing suit and have fun.

To obtain these hotel rates and the shuttle bus privilege, you must make your reservation on the special A.N.A. Convention card. These card forms are available from the A.N.A. Please address your request for hotel reservation cards to A.N.A., Hotel Card, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. A.N.A. members will find a card with their copies of the February issue of the Numismatist.

I thought the world famed Astrodome was where the bourse dealers were going to be, but the dealers will be at the Astrohall just across the street from the Astrodome.

There will be a change in many programs based on a newly structured day. Morning activities will include tours, A.N.A. business meetings and meetings of affiliated groups. This will mean a change in our meeting and I am not sure of what day we will get to hold our meeting. The afternoons will be strictly for the bourse and exhibits. Bourse will be open around noon. The evenings will be for auction sessions, A.N.A. Educational forum and the various social functions. This is the general plan designed to help eliminate conflicts of interest, but it may have a few deviations and overlaps.

See you all there.

A LOOK AT OWLS

by Richard Townsend TEC #365
Rochester, N.Y.

The small owl which serves as the symbol of TEC has quite a history behind him. I'd like to share some facts uncovered in researching this creature we've adopted.

Fossils date the owl's ancestors back some 50 million years, making it one of the oldest of known birds today. Close to 200 species of owls have been identified and today, there are about 130 still in existence.

Found in every corner of the globe, sizes range from that of a sparrow to that of a small eagle. Brown with shading to red or gray is most common, but some species have adapted to their surroundings. Such as the Arctic owl's gray/white, for better blending-in. The females are larger than the males in all species. Their eyes have a fixed socket which makes it necessary to move the entire head to see from side to side.

They can be found roosting in trees, lofts, barns and similarly protected places. There is one exception, the burrowing owl, found in our southwest part of the country who literally burrows his home in the ground like a prairie dog. They are nocturnal birds of prey and have acute sight and hearing. The down covering their feathers and body provides a noiseless flight while they hunt for food.

Owls are non-vegetarian with their food mainly consisting of rats, mice, snails, insects, rabbits or even larger animals at some times. They are most welcomed by the farmers as they minimize crop damage by controlling the rodents and pests. A few species exist only on fish and one on crabs alone which shows the variety of life styles extant. Their lifespan is estimated to be from 3 to 20 years in the wild dependent on the species. In captivity, an owl holds the longevity record for all birds at 68 years.

Acceptance as a symbol of wisdom dates back to ancient Greece. Allegory tells us that the owl was the pet bird of Athena, the Goddess of wisdom. Athens issued coins using the owl in honor of their Goddess and it is from these coins that our TEC symbol comes. Owls were a protected species in Athens and could readily be found, especially in the Acropolis, by the thousands. If you've ever been startled by a sudden hoot, whistle or shrill laugh by a neighborhood owl, imagine the noise caused by thousands at one time! If an owl flew within view of a sickbed, however, it was an omen of death. If someone said, "the owl flies," it was a reference to bribery in that "tossing" a few owl coins would accomplish what other methods could not do. Most references to owls in literature are as omens of ill will. An undeserved reputation in my view. I prefer to use the wisdom label, after all any animal who has survived for over 50 million years must be smart.

Several species are found in North America, and later this year the USPS will honor four of these with a commemorative stamp issue. The Great Gray, Saw Whet, Barred and Great Horned owls will be featured on the four block issue as a part of the wildlife conservation series. Issue date and design details are still to be announced but I would guess it will be some time in June or July before they are out. So keep an eye out at your postoffice. In the meantime, how can we use these issues to promote TEC? Send in and share your idea now. Remember we have many elongated coins with owls on them. See what you can do with them. Remember you can make a nice P.N.Cover with an elongated coin and the new owl stamps coming out.

MY FANTASY TRIP

by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64
Paterson, N.J.

The time was 7:30 a.m. My nurse and a male attendant came to prepare me for the operation scheduled for 8 a.m. By the time I was wheeled into the operating room, I was floating in a fantasy world.

I thought I heard someone say "A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS" and I replied "I'm going to take a trip on the 'TOONERVILLE TROLLEY' and see the sights".

First I want to see the "BOYS CLUB OF PHOENIX", then on to the site where "OUR CROSS IN 67 CREIGHTON METHODIST CHURCH IN PHOENIX", "GROUND BREAKING OCT. 2, 1968" is located. So far so good. What's next? Well why not try to find the building where the "ARIZONA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSN. 1st ANNUAL CONVENTION PHOENIX 1965" was held.

I was getting tired but decided on one more stop. I wanted to see a machine that was installed in a parking lot, that had a gate attached to it, that controlled the entrance to the lot. It was a "COLLECTOR OF PARKING TOKENS". I waited until a car came by and the driver deposited a token, then I heard a clicking noise and the gate opened.

Just then I heard a womans voice saying, "its O.K. Joe, the operation is over, you are now in the recovery room". When my mind gradually cleared up, I realized that it had been a fantasy trip. Well all's well that ends well. I realized that not having been on a trip I did not spend any money so, "A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED".

Well "AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION", I owe Dottie Dow many, many thanks for rolling the elongated coins mentioned. Thanking the good Lord that the operation was successful, I said "SMILE GOD LOVES YOU".



EXHIBITING AT CONVENTION

A note to those that will be exhibiting elongated coins at the A.N.A. convention in Houston, Texas. Please write and let me know that you will exhibit and what your subject will be in general, like Christmas coins, P.N.Covers with elongated coins etc. Please do not enter the same exhibit each year, especially if you won on it a year ago. You must be an A.N.A. member to exhibit, so if you are not a member and care to join I will sponsor you. Lets try and have a good showing of elongated coins this year. Last year we only had two exhibits and these were shown the year before. California was the best year for elongated coin exhibits and we had some beautiful ones. We did have many TEC members from around there and they made a very good showing.

To those that are exhibiting for the first time, make sure you have a heading and a little write-up about your exhibit. Try to set up your exhibit as neatly as you can and try your own original idea, it may help you to win. I'm told they expect many outstanding exhibits at the convention and have plenty of space for many exhibits. Would you believe we had a winner last year from the A.N.A. too.

Will only judge the exhibits of members that write in and let me know they are exhibiting. So write to TEC Pres. Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

1978 TEC NEWS COIN

by Sally Kirka TEC #16

Manchester, Conn.

As of this writing I haven't heard how the TEC NEWS Coin is coming along, but if I know Lloyd E. Wagaman he is working on it. We also are waiting for the 1978 pennies to come out. Sometimes we have to wait two or three months before we can get the pennies. I think this special coin is worth waiting for. When the coins are ready you can be sure the coins will be mailed to the members who have sent in an article for the January issue of the TEC NEWS. So bear with us and you will get your special TEC NEWS Coin for writing that article.

Remember folks this special TEC NEWS Coin is only given for an article you yourself wrote of 250 words or more. If the article is too long, it will be put in two parts. I have to be the judge of that as it depends on how many pages we are having at the time. Now as some people write articles I can't even read, I will reject them. Some members seem to think I can decode their articles and believe me some articles are written so I can't make heads or tails out of them. Also if an article is so poorly written that I have to rewrite the whole article. It is no longer your article. So I'll either reject articles like this, as I can't see giving a coin to someone I had to rewrite everything. We are forgetting that the TEC NEWS Coin is given for an article you yourself have written. Correcting them is one thing, but rewriting articles is another.

No articles will be returned. Articles should be written so they can be read, better still type it if you can. Articles will be rejected if aimed to hurt anyone in any way. I love everyone and don't want to lose any friends. So be kind and just write about the elongated coins and keep us all happy.

Don't be a complainer, be a joiner. If you want better articles why not write one. Those that do write are doing the best they can. I'm sure we all will appreciate hearing from you. Send all articles to Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Give it a try as your article may be the one to win the Literary Award.

All names below have earned a TEC NEWS Coin for having an article in the January issue of the TEC NEWS.

1. - From the President's Desk - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
2. - 1978 TEC NEWS Coins - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
3. - Yesterday's Elongateds - - - - - Lee Martin #129
4. - Kewpie Kick-Off Koin - - - - - Marie F. Trinny #37
5. - A.N.A. Convention - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
6. - Christmas Coins - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
7. - Notes of Interest - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
8. - My Error Confession - - - - - O. Wilson Morgan #183
9. - Three TEC Members - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
10. - Our Trip to Atlanta, Ga. - - - - - Barbara Izzo #662
11. - This & That - Chit Chat - - - - - H. J. Hessenthaler #656
12. - Thoughts - Facts - Fancy - - - - - H. J. Hessenthaler #656
13. - The Morrow Castle Elongated Coin - - - - - Bob Mitchell #492
14. - Patience Pays Off - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202
15. - Try Your Idea on a Coin - - - - - Richard Townsend #365
16. - The TEC Owl - - - - - Sally Kirka #16
17. - My Second Elongated Coin - - - - - Harold Anderson #483

Don't forget the deadline for articles is May 19th and for TEC ads it is May 17th. Get these articles in on time. Please!

NOTES OF INTEREST

If you're sick and have been in the hospital, please let us know so we can put a note of this in the TEC NEWS for others to see. Remember we are your friends and we do care. Its nice to send a card to our sick friends to help them get better. So if anyone hears of some member who is very sick, please write to me at once. Many times we hear of a member being sick after he or she is out of the hospital a few months.

The Los Angeles Coin Club, the oldest coin club in Southern California has put out a beautiful elongated coin celebrating 50 years since the club has been founded. The engraver did a very nice job of the clubs logo. Dottie Dow was the roller of this coin for the club. The new club president, one of our own TEC members sent a sample of the coins, which were rolled on 1928 and 1977 pennies. A 100 were rolled on half dollars, but these were given out at the clubs banquet. Mr. Cliff Roth, the new president said, they have some extra elongated coins made which will be sold to TEC members. (On 1977-D pennies only.) These coins are 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. and can be ordered from Mr. Cliff Roth, 12718 Hart Street, North Hollywood, California 91605. So folks if you want a coin, why not order yours now. By the way, as I read the clubs newsletter I see two other TEC members are officers of this club. So congratulations to Ed Borgolte, vice-president and Peggy Borgolte, club secretary.

Bob Dadson, 409 Eighth St., Carstadt, N.J. 07072, still has a few of the G.E.N.A. elongated coins left at 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. So this is your last chance to get this coin with William Penn on it. Read your last copy of TEC NEWS for more information about this coin.

Cleo Maddox, Box 26, Golden, Colorado 80401 also has a nice elongated coin of the Denver Broncos on a football and the coin of the Colorado Ski Country. Very nice coins to add to your collection. These sell for 50¢ too, plus a S.A.S.E. See his add on another page. These are selling fast, so don't wait to long in buying one.

If you had moved, or changed your address in any way, please let us know at once. No 3rd class mail is forwarded and we must have your correct address. Please help us, so you don't miss out on the TEC NEWS and your free elongated coin.

A late bulletin, Lloyd Wagaman sent me a picture of the die he made of the TEC NEWS elongated coin. It's really a beauty and I'm sure those earning the coin are going to be very pleased with this. So if you want to earn this coin why not send us an article of 250 words or more. Please write about elongated coins, or material pertaining to elongated coins. The sooner you send this article in the better for us. If the article arrives at our house after the deadline it will go into the next issue. Don't talk about writing an article, take the time to write one. This will be appreciated by all of us. Remember we also give an award for the best article of the year. So you just may be the lucky winner of this big award.

Remember the deadline for articles is May 19th and the deadline for ads is May 17th. So send that article in early and let us rest a little too. We try to help by getting the TEC NEWS to you, so why not help us and beat the deadline.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Mrs. Helen Olenicki of 572 Linden Ave., Elmhurst, Ill. 60126, has been a pretty sick girl lately and has had major surgery. Our prayers go with you Helen and hope you're feeling much better now. As you TEC members know you can get very lonely and blue when you're sick so if you have the time, why not drop a card or a letter to Helen. I'm sure this will help Helen to get better. Remember it could be you that was sick. So lets show her that we the TEC members do care. Send that card or letter now.

Lester Besse of Mesa, Arizona is hoping to exhibit his elongated coins one of these days. So the best of luck to you Les and lets hear how you made out. I like to hear from those who exhibit. Write and tell us how you made your exhibit.

The day before Christmas I received a few telephone calls from our TEC friends. How nice to answer the phone and hear a voice from Alabama, say "hello Sally and Al" a Merry Christmas to you up in Connecticut. We received calls from about ten different states. This is what we call a nice Christmas to hear from you folks. God Bless you all.

I'd also like to thank all those who had sent us cards, coins, medals, tokens and some very nice gifts too. I really enjoyed all this as I was under doctors orders to take it easy for awhile. Of course you had to get a little excited when you hear from your good friends and receive all those cute gifts. I honestly can say I received some very beautiful things. So thanks, folks.

The Midwest Elongated Collectors club has been officially dissolved, according to Burton Neal Levy. According to Burt's letter the club's money has been divided among the current membership. Each member received a \$2.00 check and a special elongated coin that was made and donated by Chester Rogers. Any questions you may have, you may write to Burt Levy at P.O. Box 361, Des Plaines, Ill. 60010.

Lee Martin had a nice article about elongated coins in the January issue of the COINage Magazine. So if you're in a store, why not look one up at the news-stand and buy yourself a copy. Better still why not sign up to have these books sent to your home. Lee Martin writes many good articles of numismatic interest. So from time to time he will write some very interesting articles about elongated coins. Lee Martin was one of the owners of the "House of Elongates" untill it was sold in 1977.

Chester Rogers has a very nice Christmas elongated coin for sale for 75¢ plus a S.A.S.E. For those collecting Christmas coins you can send for yours by writing to Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Arkansas 72438.

A correction is in order on Chester's ad which was in the last issue of the TEC NEWS. The coin CMR #131 (should have read) Year of the Snake and not Fear of the Snake. The way you send in your ad is the way I put it in. So please check your list before sending in your ads. The mistakes you make are your own. No harm intended as we can correct it and let the members know when we are told of the mistake.

POTPOURRI BY VERLEE

by Verlee Waterman TEC #525
Colorado Springs, Colo.

In regards to elongated coins, 1977 wasn't the best year, but for me it was an improvement over 1976 when I failed to come across many elongated coins. My best source for the old elongated coins have been flea markets but I think the time has come, if I am to acquire "oldies" I'll have to get them from other collectors.

The older elongated coins I like the best, but there are many modern elongated coins I like as well, if not better, than some of the ancient ones. The Dow anniversary set tops the list. My second favorite is the Hawaii-Aloha State which pictures the beach of Diamond Head with all its palm trees. This coin was done by the southern California rollers who do such excellent work. I wish they would make a list available of their current elongated coins. Most of them relate to California as they are sold as souvenirs at various attractions there, or so I'm told. I have never run into such goodies and how I wish I could.

In answer to George L. Wanzug's inquiry about the Euclid Beach Fair Park souvenir coin. I have the same coin and know nothing about it, but it was listed in Bob Callendar's column in TEC NEWS titled "Unlisted Directory" April-May-June issue 1973. His number for the coin is 0.cle 3.

I recently bought a charter member TEC coin 1966. It had the name of the member and number engraved across the front and is rolled on an Indian penny. I should think there are few of these coins around for sale. How many were rolled and were they all rolled on Indian pennies? Any answers, Sally?

Looking over the TEC award coins by Lloyd Wagaman, I do have 1972 through 1977. I like the 1977 coin the best, because of the artistic design. The 1973 ranks second with me. It is rolled on a Japanese Yen and was the first I owned on a foreign coin. I wouldn't miss one of these award coins. This is a nice thing he does for we the TEC members.

Having been a collector of elongated coins since 1971, I think it strange that I have never run across an elongated coin pertaining to World War II. I have read about a few, but that was it. Wanted to buy: - - A World War II elongated coin!

Another outstanding modern is Bruce Summer's seven religious symbols, the design of a real artist! What are your favorites?

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BACK AGAIN

by Peter Carmel TEC #712
Englewood, N.J.

Well back to the old drawing board. Its a New Year and I guess its time to get a short article into the TEC NEWS so I can feel I'm doing my bit to speak to my fellow elongated collectors. I had a lovely letter from Sally Kirka, our TEC president and she tells me she had a terrible accident, taking something out of an oven and had second degree burns on the tips of her fingers on her left hand. Yet she still wrote to me and was working on the next issue of the TEC NEWS - what a woman! Not many people would have still gone on. I think she was lucky she did this at a fire station hall, as the rescue squad was able to give her first aid, or it would have been much worse. Give them our thanks when you next see them Sally, and I hope by the time this arrives you will be back to normal.

Before I forget, Happy New Years to one and all. While I'm talking to you all, have you remembered to get your yearly dues in the mail. It costs to put out a publication, postage, paper, etc. So lets do our share. Advertising in the TEC NEWS is still very inexpensive, \$6. for a half page. Where else can you get such an advertising bargain? We the members would love to know what you have for sale and where to buy the elongated coins.

Another thing I think is great, is getting an original Lloyd E. Wagaman elongated TEC NEWS coin just for writing a very short item of 250 words or more for our TEC NEWS. Now that is really a good deal and Mr. Wagaman, I wish I were able to roll out a gold medal to show one member's appreciation for your generosity to TEC. Believe me, its appreciated.

While I'm on the subject of handing out bouquets, one goes to Barbara Izzo and one to Robert Dadson for their lovely Christmas cards and elongated coins, I had received for Christmas. Gifts like these are the true meaning of Christmas. Wonderful people, who have brightened my holiday although I had never met them.

Well this should be about the finish for now, but let me just leave you with these few bits of wisdom. A badly needed invention we need today, is some kind of dough, that will really stick to your fingers and money isn't everything, theres stocks and bonds too. Most people's financial problems are simple, they are short of money and don't forget, mixed greens are good for you. Especially the fives, tens and twenties and lets not forget dimes aren't completely worthless, they still make a fairly good screw driver.

NOTICE!

Due to sickness and rushing to get the January issue of the TEC NEWS out, we forgot to mention in the TEC NEWS to send your TEC dues to the secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Dues are still \$5.00 a year and are due the 1st of January. If you have not paid your dues by March 31st, you will be dropped from the membership list. You can be reinstated when you send in your dues during the year. Don't miss out on your free elongated coin, or your TEC NEWS, so send in your 1978 dues now.

A NEW ELONGATED COLLECTOR'S LEARNING EXPERIENCE

by Alan V. Weinberg TEC #744
Woodland Hills, Calif.

I started collecting elongated coins about a year ago. I've been a serious collector of coins, medals and tokens for over 20 years and had frequently "POOH-POOHED" elongated coin collecting. Then I got "the fever" probably from exasperation over not picking up anything else really good.

Being the collector that I am, I jumped in head first without knowing what I was getting into. I read, researched, corresponded and studied old Spadone and Christenson & Stone lists and I Xeroxed Dow, Callander's unlisted list, Babin and other sources.

At first I drew a limit on what I'd spend on a single elongated coin, I think it was \$10. Then I began to build a substantial collection of pre-1950 pieces (a date I arbitrarily drew between the "scarce oldies" and the plethora of modern pieces). I was able to pick up dozens of different "oldies" from 50¢ to \$3., even a number of unlisted coins for virtually nothing.

Then I began to spend more, to obtain the really rare pieces in a Koppenhaver, Levine or Cunningham auction, or in Larry Elman's stock. I'd obtain unlisted pieces (i.e. 1935 Long-Berch, 1939 Kansas City, Mo., Horse & Stock Show, 1945 FDR Hawaii Aloha, etc.) for prices up to \$50., a price level that would have shocked me to laughter only a year ago.

I learned about the deceptive "re-rolls" with their tell-tale reverse machining marks, rolled from original (?) dies on modern rolling machines. There are at least 12 such deceptive "oldies" (ie. Los Angeles 1932 Olympics, 1901 Chicago Livestock, Alton Parker, Teddy Roosevelt, certain 1939 N.Y. Worlds Fair pieces, etc.). I've seen these priced as "originals" in the stock of knowledgeable dealers.

I've learned about and examined the questionable and controversial lot of 26 different "oldie" elongated coins that supposedly were recovered from a fire. They are all by the same engraver - roller. All rolled on similarly well-worn Indian cents and almost all are for organizations (i.e. Knights of Columbus, Brotherhood of railroad trainmen. Shriners, Fraternal Order of Eagles, etc.). These originated in upper N.Y. State. A lot of knowledgeable elongated collectors and dealers are "hinky" about this lot. I'll be writing an article on these questionable items shortly.

I've also learned about the elongated coin market as it existed only a few years ago when it was not uncommon for unlisteds to sell up to \$300. or more. (Sally Kirka told me at the ANA Convention that one elongated coin actually sold several years ago for \$700.! No, it wasn't a gold coin elongated, just a rare die, supposedly pertaining to a historic boxing event). In fact, I own pieces for which I paid only \$10-\$25 that actually sold for three figures just a few years ago (i.e. The Wolf Cincinnati Zoological Gardens). It's good that the market now is subdued and prices are more realistic, commensurate with most buyers pocketbooks and the relative infancy of the hobby, where it is possible hoards of previously rare elongateds can (and still do) turn up (i.e. Cal. xxx6 Callander's unlisted, Calif. 1941 Army War Maneuvers).

Yes, I'm still learning about elongated coins and I'm far from an expert, but I'd like to think I'm forming one of the better collections around. I plan on contributing to this segment of the hobby. I only just joined TEC in January and I'm attempting to assist Lee Martin on his book as much as possible so he can get it out to the collectors.

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COLLECTORS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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Lee needs all the help he can get. It's too big a project for one man who has so many other occupations.

I will continue to search for elusive elongated coins which I've heard about. The Long Beach Earthquake and the Three Little Pigs elongated coins are my current goals. Anyone out there want to sell one?

CHINESE ASTROLOGY

by Chester M. Rogers TEC #515
Leachville, Arkansas

The Chinese believe that your character and your future were determined by the year of your birth. Whether you believe it or not, here is an intriguing way to analyze yourself and your friends.

Chinese Astrology is an ancient form of fate divination based on the year of a person's birth. According to Oriental Legend it began many centuries ago with Buddha. Feeling that the Chinese spirit was sorely in need of change, Buddha called together all the animals. Only twelve animals showed up. Buddha honored them in the order of their arrival, giving each of the twelve animals a year of its own. First came the aggressive Rat, then the hard working Ox. After these bounded the smiling Tiger and his pal, the cautious Cat. Then appeared the spirited Dragon, followed by the wise snake. After these, came the galloping Horse and the gentle Goat. Next came the merry Monkey, then in strutted the proud Rooster. Last were the faithful Dog and the scrupulous Pig.

From that time on, each year in the Chinese calendar was endowed with the character of the animals that gave it a name. Every 12 years the cycle repeats itself. The persons born in specific animal years are marked by the nature and disposition of their natal animal. Obviously, all the people born in the Ox years are not big boned or muscular. The symbols are not to be taken literally. Instead just as historians can define certain eras as boom, recession, or war periods, the Chinese feel that the nature of the atmosphere within a person's birth year has an indelible effect on the general trends that form his character. So, though Oxen people are not all burly, most of them are hard working and stubborn. As you become familiar with the characteristics of your sign and examine the peculiarities that describe your mate, children, friends and co-workers, you will begin to see how Chinese Astrology can help you to accept your own strenghts and weaknesses and live with, rather than against your own true nature.

Unlike the horoscope, the Chinese Astrology does not demand that you know the precise hour or place you were born. The only data you need is the year of your birth. If the characteristics of a particular sign sounds harsh or seems not to fit your idea of a person in question, take a second look. We sometimes have trouble seeing ourselves and those we love as objectively as we might.

I have started this series of twelve and have two dies already, 1977, the year of the Snake and 1978 the year of the Horse. This series will start with a 1968 to 1979 and rolled on these date pennies. I will place a paid ad in the TEC NEWS when this series is complete.

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1831 LARGE CENT EMPIRE STATE ELONGATED COIN--by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64
Paterson, N.J.

The year of 1977 was a very tough year for me. Between June and August I had three operations. The last one was most serious. I spent the next three and a half months recuperating. To break the monotony and boredom I turned to my elongated coin collection.

While looking through the collection I found I had many elongated coins with the same logo's rolled on different denominations on American and foreign coins. This gave me an idea for an article.

In my collection I have the Empire State Building rolled on a wheat cent and on an American 1831 large cent. The Empire State building is located on 5th Ave., between 33rd and 34th street in New York City. It is one of the worlds tallest buildings, 1250 feet high plus a 222 foot television and F.M. radio transmitting tower. The Guinness World Records Exhibit Hall is in this building. It was completed in May 1931, a hundred years after the 1831 large cent was minted.

President Andrew Jackson was in office at the time. He served from 1829 to 1837. What interested me was, what happened to this coin during its hundred years of circulation.

After it was minted, what bank received it? How many people had handled it? Did it ever leave the United States in the pocket of a sailor who followed the sea working on a trading ship? If it did, who brought it back? Did President Jackson handle it personally? How about someone in his household? How many times was it used in purchasing merchandise? Did it lay in a corner of someones drawer for years? Did some grandfather give it to his grandson? Did the grandson lose it? Who found it? How did it get to the dealers and how many times was it traded with other coin dealers? When did it wind up in a coin dealers junk box? There are many unanswered questions. One last question, who was the roller and how did he get it?

Take a good look at your elongated coin collection. There is more to an elongated coin and its logo. How many stories can you find?

REACTION - EXTRACTION - SATISFACTION

by H. Hessenthaler TEC #656
Buffalo, N.Y.

REACTION: Delighted by the letter I received. Chester Rogers, roller of elongated coins from Leachville, Arkansas typed a full two page interesting letter explaining the details of die designing and the cost for setting up and producing as well as selling elongated coins. This as a result of an article I wrote for the Jan.-March issue of the TEC NEWS.

EXTRACTION: How many of you rollers out there of elongated coins believe in stretching a point or two occasionally? Has anyone ever thought of designing an elongated coin to honor the Internal Revenue Service? Might be a good idea to make one every year at this time to show the citizens good natured ribbing of the I.R.S. and compassion for the burden of the taxpayer. I've just brought my receipts for filing my 1977 tax returns. Sure gives one a warm feeling in the pit of the stomach just looking at the pile of papers to be scrutinized for tax information. I'd much rather spend the time looking at and examining some of my recent elongated coin purchases and putting them in 2x2's then into my album pages where appropriate.

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REACTION - EXTRACTION - SATISFACTION

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SATISFACTION: I tend to put my recent elongated coins together in sections by rollers (if known.) Older ones by the year rolled also if known. Other than that everything is mish mash. A collection of hodge podge miscellaneous subjects. Ask me to locate any particular elongated coin that I have and it takes quite a bit of searching. I need a better system. Never the less this way I get to examine my elongated coins more frequently than if I could pinpoint anyone instantly with a more sophisticated system. From this I get satisfaction. Anyhow after Lee Martin's book, likewise Rosato's are on the market I'll get everything classified according to their book. Provided of course my elongated coins are listed which they should be since my collection hasn't anything in the rare or unlisted category.

Incidentally on January 2, 1978 I came across an ad in a paper. For \$1.50 I received the following: postpaid, seven (7) elongated coins all different including one on a steel penny and one on a Roosevelt dime. I mailed a personal check the same day for \$1.50 and received the package on Jan. 11, 1978. How's that for service? Satisfaction indeed. Anyone wanting the above name and address so they can add these elongated coins to their collection, please write to me with an S.A.S.E. My address is H. Hessenthaler, 52 Ridge Park Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14211.

NEW JERSEY THANKS CALIFORNIA

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
North Brunswick, N.J.

My reasons for writing this article are two-fold, first as the title states: THANK YOU MY CALIFORNIA PAL! and secondly, an apology for being lazy and not sending in a TEC NEWS article lately.

Formulating the idea for our sixth Christmas elongated coin was easy but attempts with a sketch posed a problem. The only thing I draw well is my breath! I wrote to California with a cry for help enclosing the rough outline lettering and stating the theme is a MAIL TRUCK. A reply came back, send a picture of a mail truck and I'll be glad to work out the artwork. I found a nice picture of a mail-jeep in the Postal Life employee paper and mailed it out to California. Some time later I received two beautiful drawings, one without a driver in the jeep, take your choice. I naturally decided on the artwork with the mailman in the truck and sent this on out to L.P. Engravers placing my order for 200 elongated coins on 1977 pennies.

The Christmas elongated coin is a horizontal design which reads "NOEL from NEW JERSEY", "JACK & PEG WILCOX", (mail-jeep by rural mailbox 1977, Wilcox on box), (initials at the left of jeep.) The initials are those of the California friend who was the answer to all my problems. Many thanks, you know who!

Anyone wishing our 1977 Christmas elongated coin and the name of the wonderful Californian, just drop a request with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Offer good while supply lasts. The coin is a beauty!

So far this past 1977 Christmas season only brought in seven different elongated coins, counting ours. This is quite a disappointment for the avid Christmas collectors. Hopefully 1978 will see more interest and a bigger response from other hobbieists. I already have a design in mind for our 1978 Christmas elongated coin.

P.N.COVERS - A FAST GROWING HOBBY

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

As of this writing in two more days we will be saying "Happy New Years" to our friends. As I have to take it easy, I'm already thinking up ideas for the coming year. After all what can you do when the weather outside is about zero degree. This is the time to take your elongated coins out and see what you can do with them. As I like to make up some Philatelic Numismatic Covers, this is what I will start working on now.

If you can get a few different size envelopes this can be a big help to you. I had a few from last year so the first thing I do is get some cardboard and cut some out to fit each envelope. I had at least three different size envelopes, so each size had to be cut to fit into the envelope. Now where to get all this extra cardboard could be a problem. I write a lot so I save all the cardboard from these pads for my P.N. Covers. You can also buy some of this cardboard from any printers shop that carries this kind of cardboard.

Now as I put more than one elongated coin in an envelope, specially the large size envelope I have. I sometimes even add my wooden money to this. With the large size envelopes you can make many nice ideas. For my TEC collection I even put the TEC pin buttons in the P.N.Covers along with an elongated coin and my wooden money.

So as of this writing on December 29, 1977 I have three different size envelopes ready to be cut and elongated coins will be added. I don't have all the elongated coins I want, so can't start cutting the envelopes and the cardboard yet.

First I either type up the heading on the envelope, or have some special envelopes printed. You can also have a special rubber stamp made to stamp the envelopes. Once this is done I first lay the coins on the envelope that I will use for the P.N.Covers. Once I like the way the coins will go I trace the coins very lightly. Then I start cutting the holes out. Once this is done I put the cardboard in and trace the holes and take this out and cut the holes. This should fit very nicely in the envelope. Then I use the press-a-ply clear seal plastic sheets. I cut this 1"x2" as why waste it. This again has to be cut before hand. Then I lay the cardboard so the back is facing me where I put the clear seal on. Once this is done I turn this over and put the elongated coins in or what ever I'm using at the time. Now tape on another piece of 1"x2" of the clear seal over the coins and its now ready to put in your envelopes. A little studying will help this to work out alright. Once this is done you can seal your envelope. I wait until the very last to do this.

I buy the postage stamps that I think will go well with the P.C. Cover I'm working on. Like the Christmas stamps go very well with a Christmas P.N.Cover. I'm always very careful how I put this stamp on. You have to be careful or you can spoil the looks of the envelopes. After your stamp is on your P.N.Cover its ready to be canceled. You can have this done in your hometown or at some convention.

Now if you get a nasty clerk as I did once you will almost cry. He cared less how much these P.N.Covers meant to me and that they are a collectors item. At this postoffice I screamed at the clerk to give me back my envelopes as all my hard work was shot, with the sloppy mess this clerk did. I then went to another part of town and this time the postmaster himself stood watching the clerk, to make sure the job was done the right way and neatly. What a relief to know we have some good postal people that will cancel your P.N.Cover with special care.

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P.N.COVERS - A FAST GROWING HOBBY

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So when you're sitting home this winter with nothing to do, why not try your luck making P.N.Covers with an elongated coin. Then write and tell us about it. This is a fast growing hobby and just something else to do with elongated coins. You can go into a lot of money making these covers so don't think this is cheap to do. You can save yourself a lot of money doing a lot your self, or you can have it done by professionals. Try it and you may just like the idea.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

by Grace Morrison TEC #312
Youngstown, Ohio

What can you say when you get such a sad letter as I did from Mrs. Grace Morrison, 23 Pasadena, Youngstown, Ohio 44507. So I will let you read on what poor Grace wrote me.

It is with sadness I write you this. The Wednesday before this past Christmas (Dec. 21, 1977) someone broke into my home. They stole most all my elongated coins that I was so proud of. I think I may still have about 15 or 16 left that were in a place by themself and not with the others. I kept most of my TEC badges and membership elongated coins in frames and these were all taken. I used to like to bring these to my coin clubs and talk about them. I also had the nice collection of the flag set that Dottie Dow had made and these were in envelopes. I made P.N.Covers with these elongated coins. I sent my covers to a postmaster of each state and had them canceled and returned. I believe I was the only one to have done this. (If anyone knows of anyone selling them, you will know they could be from my set.)

I also lost all my Apollo medals, many Christmas cards, silver bars, all from the Franklin Mint, plus many other things.

Perhaps I was lucky as I wasn't at home at the time when this happened. The robbers didn't seem to be in any hurry. They did cut the telephone wires, so I couldn't call the police when I did get home. I'm 83 years old, so don't really know just what to say. I really enjoyed my collection of my elongated coins and I enjoyed the past-time. When I brought in some of my elongated coins for my club members to see, a few were very interested in them and really enjoyed the coins I'd give to them. Thanks to Chuck Strickland and Vera Luchtman who had sent me extra elongated coins so I could do this. As of now the only thing I can do is to start all over again. I'm a little nervous now, but I'll be alright.

Editors note:

Now folks, and I mean all you TEC members out there, lets show Mrs. Grace Morrison that we do care. At 83 years young lets give her a chance to start all over again. If you have one extra coin you can spare, why not donate it to her. Remember it could have been you. She never asked for any coins, but I as your TEC President am asking you, so why not help her. Lets show her that Christmas is the 25th of December, but Santa can come any day of the year. So Santa (I mean TEC members), get busy and start sending Grace some elongated coins, PLEASE. As President of TEC I will appreciate this and will have already sent Grace some elongated coins. So God Bless you all.

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NOTICE!

If you have not ordered your 1978 TEC badge yet, please do so before April 30. We will only order as many as have been ordered. This notice has been in each issue so far. Yet each year we have a few members say they never knew we had to order ahead. We are making fewer and fewer TEC badges each year, due to lack of interest. So there will be a few members having the complete set of these TEC badges. Do not send in your money as we do not start selling the badges by mail until next September. We will start selling them to the members who will be at the convention in Texas. Please only order a badge if you expect to buy them later. You'd be surprised at how many members order one and then will not buy them. We will have a list of those who did not send for the 1977 badge yet in another article. If more interest is not shown in these badges, I think we should drop it. All money from these badges goes into our treasury. We do have to pay the expense of making them, such as buying the quarters and the ribbons. The cost of the ribbons have been going up each year. You can always order more than one, so if you want more why not order them.

There are going to be less than a 100 TEC members who will have a complete set of these TEC badges. So far those that order more than one will get a high price for these badges in years to come. Remember these are rolled out on quarters and sell for \$3.30 by mail in late September. So if you're interested, please order your 1978 Tec badge now!

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The free elongated coin you receive with this issue of TEC NEWS has been donated by Richard Townsend of Rochester, N.Y. This is Richard's "Happiness is Contagious, Be a Carrier" elongated and we thank him for his donation and hope you all like his elongated coin.

A P.N.COVER CONTEST

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

As I was typing out Richard Townsends article about owls, I was wondering why can't we have a contest on Philatelic Numismatic Covers with an owl on it and an elongated coin of an owl. This must be your own idea. The P.N.Cover as we call them for short must be made and canceled this year. For that matter why cant we give the award for any P.N.Cover made with any elongated coin, but the idea must be your own.

At the A.N.A. Convention for the last six or seven years I've seen TEC members having P.N.Covers canceled at the A.N.A. Conventions. So why not make up your own ideas and make up a P.N.Cover of your own. I've written another earlier article which is on another page about how to make your own P.N.Cover. You don't have to follow my way, as you may have your own way of doing it. So try your luck and make a nice P.N.Cover. The cover to be judged will not be returned but will be used as a door prize at the end of the meeting.

Many TEC members have their P.N.Covers canceled at the ANA convention and this year it will be Houston, Texas. I will pick out the judges at the convention to do the judging. I will pick a TEC member who will attend the convention and who does not have a P.N.Cover entered in the contest. I have a well qualified member in mind to do this. Any TEC member can enter this contest. A member who can not be at the convention but had a P.N.Cover made with an elongated coin and had it canceled since January 1, 1978, can mail the cover to me. This must be done before July 1, 1978. Remember the P.N.Cover that is entered will not be returned, but will become the property of TEC. As of now a member can enter two different P.N.Covers. So get busy, try your luck and see who the lucky winner will be. I too will get in on this as I'm always trying some crazy new ideas. Maybe by seeing some of the different P.N.Covers, more people will get interested to make their own.

Would you believe there are some rare P.N.Covers with elongated coins that sell for over a \$100. Believe me a few of our members have some very special P.N.Covers made. Most wont sell at any price. These P.N.Covers sort of bring out our elongated coins on a higher level.

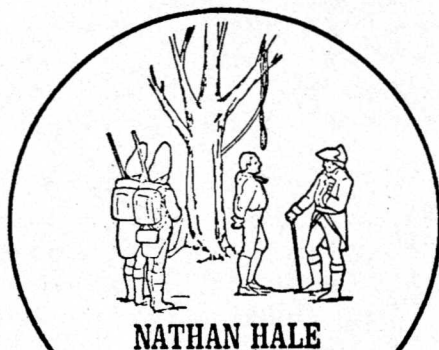
So members start thinking and start working on a P.N.Cover idea. For the October issue why not write an article about how you got the idea and why you made it. Last year Harold Anderson tried his luck on making a P.N.Cover. He started from scratch and did it all himself. I give him "A" for trying. He gave a few to his friends and also donated some for door prizes, and then a few were auctioned off at our TEC meeting in Atlanta, Ga. last year. An original idea will count a lot.

Do not send any for us to have to cancel for you. You must have this done yourself. It doesn't matter where or when you have your covers canceled as long as its in 1978. Those sending in any covers to be judged may do so by sending them to me. I would like to keep the professional P.N.Covers kept out of this judging as I'd like to see what our TEC members can do. Design your cover in your own way and lets see what we can do. I bet many of you can do a very good job. So lets see who the lucky winner will be?

Would you believe I saw over 500 covers being canceled at the convention last year. All with elongated coins. Some were made for special clubs, while others were made for someones personal collection. From those I saw, all were very nice and I wish I had a few.

HISTORY IN REVIEW

OPENS ITS SUBSCRIPTION ROLLS
BY POPULAR DEMAND.



NATHAN HALE

13 Pcs Rolled on U.S. Lg. c.
28 Pcs Rolled on Lincoln c.
Large Cents are Ser Numbered
Die Defaced.....

NO. 1 NO. 2

SOLD OUT



PAUL REVERE

13 Pcs Rolled on Seated Halves
30 Pcs Rolled on Lincoln Cents
Seated Halves are Serial Num.
Die Defaced.....



JOHN PAUL JONES

13 Pcs Rolled on Large Cents
13 Pcs Rolled on 2 Cent Pcs.
28 Pcs Rolled on Lincoln c.
Die Defaced.....

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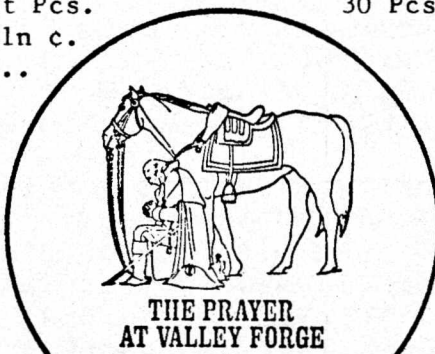
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